

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2020

- 8:00AM John Sindone (*Josephine Massino & Family*)
- 9:30AM Ronald Sendek (*M/M Ron Antal*)
- 11:00AM Anthony Catalanotto (*Rachele Sannino*)
- 12:30PM Laura Buccellato (*Rachele Sannino*)
- John Chiarello (*Naccarelli Family*)
- Thomas Marcotrigiano (*Jeanette Regolia*)
- Joe Rodriguez (*Nunzia Stabile*)
- John Sindone (*Ottomanelli-Hubbs Family*)
- Lorraine Vasquez (*Rachele Sannino*)
- Maureen Vellia (*Jeanette Regolia*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2020 *Dr. MLK, Jr. Holiday*

- 9:00AM Vincent J. D'Amato (*Loving Wife & Sons*)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020 *St. Agnes*

- 9:00AM Margaret Fox (*Ruocco Family*)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2020 *St. Vincent*

- 9:00AM Giuseppina & Domenico Pierno (*Giorgio Fam.*)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020 *St. Marianne Cope*

- 9:00AM Keith Dasaro (*Rosemary & Tony Matteo*)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2020 *St. Francis de Sales*

- 9:00AM Louise & Vincent Festa (*Annette & Marty*)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020 *Conversion of St. Paul*

- 9:00AM In Thanksgiving for the HUMC Transplant Team (*Frank & Jeanne Palmenteri*)
- 5:00PM Bernard Bershad (*Jordan Family*)
- Laura Buccellato (*Jean Bernardo*)
- John Chiarello (*Julie Dimler*)
- Santa DeMauro (*Joe & Lorraine Gentile*)
- Dominick Ercolano (*Barbara Bitetto*)
- Julianne Friscia (*Ottomanelli-Hubbs Family*)
- Thomas Marcotrigiano (*Calcagnile Family*)
- Philip Tretola (*M/M Michael Tretola*)
- Susan Vitale (*Michael & Carol Maio*)
- Michael Younghese (*Toby & Jerry Bekerman*)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020

- 8:00AM George & Ann Papandrea
- 9:30AM Helen Meshak (*Longo Family*)
- 11:00AM Leone & Panico Family (*Loving Family*)
- 12:30PM John Chiarello (*Dr. Aida Jocson*)
- Julianne Friscia (*Kreitsch Family*)
- Emilia Mancuso (*Speranza Family*)
- Thomas Marcotrigiano (*Kreitsch Family*)
- Joseph Quagliariello (*Loving Family*)
- Ana Vastola (*Mannino-Marracello Family*)
- Susan Vitale (*Kathy Dalbey*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

Please Note: The Rectory office will be closed on **Monday, January 20th** in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,'s Birthday, and will reopen on Tuesday at 9:00AM.



Amado Araneta, William J. Barbiero, Joe Barrreca, Mary Battista, Barbara Bitetto, Lynn Boutureira, Daniel Campion, Sally Capozziello, Ann Castellano, Shang Cheng, Zena Cipolla, Anthony Corozzo, Marge D'Auria, Patrick Delaney, Domenica DeVito, Virginia DiGangi, Richard H. Dimler, Mary Divers, Jennie Federici, Jean Fochetta, Clementine Gagliardi, Dennis Giammalvo, Margaret Giampietro, John Joseph Gleeson, John Pierce Gleeson, Joan Grieco, Christine Healy, Maria Hernandez, Elizabeth Isolano, Marilyn Krajcik, Keri & Baby Tristan, Elaine Lazzeri, Susan Leone, James Leung, Patricia Lipari, William J. Litt, Tom Mercatante, Barbara Miller, Angela Ottomanelli-Hubbs, Michael Palermo, Frank Palmenteri, Sebastian Panasci, Santo Pantina, Vivian Doris Pecchillo, Phillip Pecchillo, Nino Pedone, Amelia Pepe, Joseph Questore, Frances Russo, Bill Sangirardi, John Secreti, Patrick Smith, Remington Stafford, Michael Tamburo, Rubie Lynn Torres, Chrissie Tremblay, Paul Tremblay, Paul John Tremblay, Sr., Sr. Joanne Walters.

Rest in Peace:

St. Helen's Purgatorial Society Mass

All parishioners have the opportunity to enroll the names of loved ones in the Purgatorial Society. The Purgatorial Society Mass will be held on the **last Friday of each month**. The offering to be enrolled in the Purgatorial Society is \$120 per name (a total of 12 Masses for one year will be said for your loved one). Aside from listing one name, a husband and wife together, or a family name is also acceptable. Having a Purgatorial Society is wonderful way of living out the Scriptures and will be a relief for those who desire to have their loved ones remembered with prayers all year long at God's Altar. Please stop in at the Rectory if you are interested in having a loved one enrolled in the Purgatorial Society. **The next Purgatorial Society Mass will be held Friday, January 31, 2020.**

New Families: All are welcome to St. Helen Parish, and are asked to please register at the Rectory during office hours.

Sacrament of Baptism: Please call the Rectory to register for the baptism of your child. Baptisms will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

Sacrament of Confession: Saturdays 12:30PM to 1:30PM. Weekdays: 15 minutes prior to the 9:00AM Mass.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples should contact the Rectory at least **one year** in advance of the desired date. Please call for an appointment for the initial interview.

Communion Calls: Please call the Rectory to arrange for one of the priests to bring Holy Communion to a sick person who is confined to home due to a serious illness.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: Anyone who expects to be hospitalized (or in an emergency) and wishes the Anointing of the Sick, should call the Rectory.

ST. HELEN CATHOLIC ACADEMY IS CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK STARTING JANUARY 26!

All in our Community are cordially invited to attend an Open House, visit our Book Fair, and view our Pre-K through 8th Grade Science Fair.

Hands-On Learning at St. Helen Catholic Academy is



OPEN HOUSE & TOURS

Sunday, January 26th, 10:30AM-12:30PM

Tuesday, January 28th, 3:00-4:00PM

St. Helen Catholic Academy is in partnership with: Fordham University, St. Francis College, St. John's University, and Yale University.



We are focused on educating the whole child through:

- **Faith Formation:** Daily prayer and spiritual development, complete sacramental program for First Penance, First Communion and Confirmation, First Friday Mass, prayer services and community service projects.
- **Rigorous Academics:** Full-day Kindergarten, Pre-K3 and 4 year old full-day and half-day programs, focused instructional schedule of 8:10-3 p.m. with 7 a.m. arrival and after-school program until 6 p.m., TACHS preparation, Algebra 1 Regents participation, K-8 Spanish program, iPad and SMARTBoard® technology, fully equipped STEM lab, digital tools, coding, and engineering design applications.
- **Specialized Programs:** Full-day Pre-K for All, "Mom and Me" for ages 1½-2½, afterschool extracurricular activities, training in music and art, band, chess, drama club, engineering club, Italian, Mandarin, and CYO sports.

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sthelencatholicacademy.org

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my
Avenue., Howard
(718) 835-4155

WITNESSES OF MERCY



The Witness of Mercy program is a group of trained volunteers who will have close personal contact with parishioners who are unable to leave their homes due to illness or age. This will be done by visits or by telephone. We will be the link between the parish and the parishioners so that all needed information can be shared by both. This will let the affected parishioners know they have not been left on their own and will have someone on which to rely.

If you know of any person (or yourself) who is sick or homebound and would like to have a Witnesses of Mercy volunteer from our parish visit with them, please contact Patricia Rizzo McCabe at (917) 312-7072, or email her at goodrecords1@verizon.net. **Wish to volunteer? Contact us!**

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MEMORIALS AVAILABLE

Many times people come to the Rectory inquiring about memorials they can give to a family who has lost a loved one. The following are available:

- **Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Altar Candles or the Sanctuary Candle** in memory of a loved one for one week (\$50.00 each).
- **Votive Candles** for one year (\$100.00).
- A leaf permanently placed on the **Tree of Life** (\$350.00).
- A plaque permanently placed on the **Anniversary Wall** (\$350.00).

For further information, you may either call or visit the Rectory.



*You are invited to
Pray the
Family Rosary*

**THURSDAY
EVENINGS IN CHURCH
7:00-7:30PM**

St. Helen's Support Group for the Physically Challenged meets the first and third Wednesday of every month at 1:30PM in the Rectory meeting room. All are invited. For further information please call Joan at (718) 848-9173.



Catholic Charities Neighborhood Services Howard Beach Senior Center is located at 155-55 Cross Bay Blvd., across from Stop N Shop on Cross Bay Blvd. Seniors aged 60 and older are invited to become members. Activities and services are offered Monday-Friday from 9:00AM to 4:00PM. Every day delicious and nutritious full, hot lunches are catered by Russo's on the Bay (\$2 donation requested).

Continuing Weekly Events:

Monday	9:30AM	Tai Chi
	1:00PM	Look, Listen, Learn & Laugh (followed by Bingo)
Tuesday	9:30AM	Exercise with Dwayne
	1:00PM	Dancersize Party
Wednesday	9:30AM	Creative Movement with Millie
	10:30AM	Zumba and/or Adult Coloring
	1:00PM	Look, Listen, Learn & Laugh (followed by Bingo)
Thursday	9:30AM	Painting Class and/or Creative Movement with Millie
	10:00AM	Crochet Class
	10:30AM	Relaxation & Meditation with Ruth
	12:30PM	Sketching & Drawing Class
Friday	9:30AM	Exercise with Dwayne
	10:00AM	Learn Sign Language with Judy T.
	10:30AM	Yoga
	1:00PM	Mah Jong for Beginners and/or Special Friday Programs



For further information please call 718-738-8100.



Parents seeking Baptism for their children who live within the territory of St. Helen Parish are asked to register as members of the parish before requesting an initial interview for Baptism. registration is easily done at the parish office anytime during business hours.

Parents seeking Baptism for their children who live outside the territory of St. Helen Parish are asked to obtain a letter from the parish in which they live authorizing the Baptism to take place at St. Helen.

Initial meetings with parents seeking Baptism for their children **who have already been born** will normally take place **on the second Wednesday of each month from 7:00–9:00PM and on the fourth Saturday of each month from 10:00AM–12:00PM. Please call 718-738-1616 for more information or to schedule an appointment.**

Upcoming Mornings of Preparation

(Required Before a Baptism)

(All begin at the 11AM Mass and continue in the Msgr. McGinness Room):

January 26—February 9 & 23

Upcoming Schedule for Baptisms

(All begin at 2:00PM):

January 26—February 9 & 23

GOOD SHEPHERD STATUE



We would like to thank **Edith Diniro**, who kept the statue this past week. Anyone interested in keeping the statue in their home and praying for vocations for one week should contact the Rectory.

Rosary for Peace...New Place, New Time

The Rosary for Peace, sponsored by the Saint Helen Secular Franciscan Fraternity, takes place in the Church at 6:30PM every Wednesday. The group prays for our Blessed Mother's intercession to end violence (both domestic and civil) and the persecution of Christians throughout the world. All parishioners are invited to join us. We welcome anyone willing to lead a decade of the Rosary in a language other than English.



A statue of St. Francis of Assisi is more than a bird feeder, and neither is he only a Saint for animals. He is a Saint of ecology, peace and all good. Following in the footsteps of St. Francis is more than living a good Christian life. It is going from Gospel to life, and from life to Gospel.

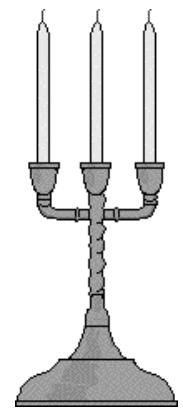
If you have a desire to learn more about Franciscan charism, you are most welcome to join us on the **third Saturday of the month** after the 9:00AM Mass in the Rectory Meeting Room for our gathering. We look forward to seeing you there. Light refreshments will be offered. God bless you!



Are you new to St. Helen Parish? If so please stop in at the Rectory to register your family, or visit our website to register!

FEAST OF CANDLEMAS

The Catholic Church sure knows how to celebrate its feasts! Forty days after Christmas, the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas. The name "Candlemas" is aptly named, as on this feast, Mass begins with a candlelit procession, all the candles in the church are lit, and candles are blessed. Why the big production? First, it marks 40 days since Christmas, and celebrates Mary and Joseph presenting Jesus in the Temple. Secondly, candles are such a major part of Catholic worship! The use of candles symbolizes the light of Christ. In a time when there was no electricity, candles or oil lights were necessary to see, especially in dark churches. Today, candles mark special occasions; Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, birthdays and romantic dinners all accompanied with the glow of a candle. More importantly, candles remind us that like the wax that gives of itself so that there may be light, so, too, every Christian who bears witness to the world, does the same. Accompanying this feast is the feast of Saint Blaise. The next day, on February 3rd, the feast of Saint Blaise, throats are blessed. This blessing is accompanied with use of candles. As the feast of Saint Blaise falls on a Monday this year, there will be a communal blessing of throats at the 9:00AM Mass.



The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, or Candlemas, will be celebrated on Sunday, February 2nd at all Masses. You are invited to bring your own candles to be blessed at Mass so you may then use them at home.

Dear Padre,

A religious community invited me to become a lay associate. What kind of commitment is needed?

When laypeople and ordained ministers are attracted to the *charism* of a religious order (its distinctive ministry, mission, and spirituality), they're often invited by its vowed members to participate as "associates" in their prayer life, community dynamics, and apostolic works. After a period of formation, associates may make degrees of commitment, with varying expectations on those who profess a formal commitment. Associates may



also be given a distinctive sign of their membership to wear during prayer and ministry.

While associates like the Third Order (tertiaries) have partnered with Franciscans, Dominicans, and Carmelites for centuries, other congregations are only now nurturing new forms of collaboration. Usually, this partnership is mutually transformative for the associates and for those in consecrated life: "The

participation of the laity often brings unexpected and rich insights into certain aspects of the charism, leading to a more spiritual interpretation of it and helping to draw from it directions for new activities in the apostolate" (Apostolic Exhortation on Consecrated Life [*Vita Consecrata*], 55).

Partnerships between religious communities and their associates are growing in number, based not on utility or diminished numbers of religious today, but on shared faith and responsibility to our universal baptismal call. May the Holy Spirit guide you as you discern this special invitation to holiness!

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 20

Weekday

1 Sm 15:16–23

Mk 2:18–22

Tuesday

JANUARY 21

St. Agnes,

Virgin and Martyr

1 Sm 16:1–13

Mk 2:23–28

Wednesday

JANUARY 22

Day of Prayer for the

Legal Protection of

Unborn Children

1 Sm 17:32–33, 37,

40–51, Mk 3:1–6

Thursday

JANUARY 23

Weekday

1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7

Mk 3:7–12

Friday

JANUARY 24

St. Francis de Sales,

Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

1 Sm 24:3–21

Mk 3:13–19

Saturday

JANUARY 25

Conversion of

St. Paul, Apostle

Acts 22:3–16 or

Acts 9:1–22

Mk 16:15–18

Sunday

JANUARY 26

Third Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Is 8:23–9:3

1 Cor 1:10–13, 17

Mt 4:12–23

or 4:12–17



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

"What about you?" It is significant that these words of the elderly Pope [Leo XIII] were also addressed to a laywoman [Katharine Drexel]. We know that the future of the Church in a rapidly changing society will call, and even now calls, for a much more active engagement on the part of the laity.

—MASS WITH BISHOPS, CLERGY, AND RELIGIOUS OF PENNSYLVANIA, SEPTEMBER 26, 2015